DNREC seeks Delaware students who make a difference in the environment for 2019 Young Environmentalist Awards

June 21 deadline for nominations fast approaching

DOVER — Do you know a Delaware student who is striving to make a difference for the environment? The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control is encouraging teachers, classmates, parents, club or group leaders, and others to nominate these students for the 2019 Young Environmentalist of the Year Awards. Nominations for the 26th annual awards must be based on actions or projects which have taken place between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

Nominations will be accepted through Friday, June 21, 2019. A winner will be chosen from each of the following categories:

- Elementary (grades 1-4)
- Middle School (grades 5-8)
- High School (grades 9-12)

The Young Environmentalist program honors Delaware students who have helped protect, restore or enhance Delaware's natural resources through one or more of the following actions:

- Demonstrating Environmental Stewardship
- Initiating an Innovative Project
- Increasing Public Awareness
- Demonstrating Environmental Ethics

Winners will be honored in a special ceremony on Governor's Day at the 2019 Delaware State Fair Thursday, July 25. Each category winner will receive a certificate, gift card and prize pack in recognition of his or her contribution to the

community.

Nominations may be submitted online on the <u>DNREC website</u>, or by U.S. mail to Joanna Wilson, DNREC Public Affairs, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, or by email to <u>joanna.wilson@delaware.gov</u>.

For more information, including <u>nomination forms</u>, please visit https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/young-environmentalists, or contact Joanna Wilson at 302-739-9902.

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